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C O N F I D E N T I A L KINSHASA 4655

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: CASC (SMITH, HUNTER)

SUBJECT: KIDNAPPED AMERICANS: STATUS REPORT JUNE 3

1. DUCH AMBASSADOR VERKADE SAW KALONJI JUNE 2, FORIEGN MINISTER APPARENTLY BEING UNAVAILABLE. KALONJI AGREED PASS ON REQUEST FOR EARLY POSITIVE REPLY VAGNI MISSION.

2. APPARENTLY MOBUTU STILL IN EQUATEUR PROVINCE, IS HOLDING MAJOR POLICY DISCUSSIONS WITH HIS CLOSEST ADVISERS. IN OUR EFFORTS FIND OTHER CHANNELS TO STRESS URGENCY OF POSITIVE DECISION, WE HAVE LEARNED THAT NGUZA KARL-I-BOND AND BISENGIMANA ARE NOW WITH PRESIDENT. WE ALSO KNOW THAT DIRECTOR INTERNAL INTELLIGENCE SETI AND PRESIDENT'S UNCLE LITHO ARE WITH HIM. PRESUMABLY MAJOR FOCUS THEIR DISCUSSIONS GO TO ANGOLA, INTERNAL POLITICAL AND ECONOMIC SITUATION, AND POLICY OPTIONS FOR DEALING WITH THESE MATTERS, WHICH FOR THEM INVOLVE FUTURE OF MOBUTU REGIME. GETTING PRESIDENT TO FOCUS CLEARLY ON KIDNAP PROBLEM IN THESE CIRCUSTANCES IS NOT EASY BUT WE WILL KEEP TRYING. DEVLIN, AT MY
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REQUEST, WILL TRY TO REACH COL. UMBA, WHO IS TILL HERE

WE BELIEVE AND WHO, AS PRESIDENT'S PERSONAL SECRETARY, HAS COMMUNICATIONS WITH HIM. I WILL ENDEAVOR RAISE NEED FOR REPLY WITH FOREIGN MINISTER BULA. OUR FINGERS ARE STILL CROSSED BUT THIS FRUSTRATING SITUATION CLEARLY TRIES ONE'S PATIENCE BUT PATIENT I BELIVE WE MUST BE. IT WOULD, HOWEVER, BE USEFUL IF DEPARTMENT CALLED IN AMBASSADOR MBEKA TO REQUEST HIS HELP. TALKING POINTS MIGHT BE FOLLOWING:

3. "US GOVERNMENT IN ASSOCIATION WITH NETHERLANDS GOVERNMENT AND WITH AGREEMENT OF REPRESENTATIVE OF PARENTS OF KIDNAPPED STUDENTS HAS PREPARED PLAN FOR RESPECTED CHURCH FATHER TO TRY TO ESTABLISH CONTACT WITH KIDNAPPERS AND THEREAFTER TO SERVE AS NEGOTIATING INTERMEDIARY. GOVERNMENT OF BURUNDI HAS PROVIDED FACILITIES TO SUPPORT THIS EFFORT AND GOVERN ENT OF TANZANIA HAS NO OBJECTION TO ITS PROCEEDING. HOWEVER, DESPITE U.S. APPROACHES TO PRESIDENT MOBUTU MAY 31, FOLLOW-UP WITH FOREIGN MINISTER JUNE 1, AND APPROACHES BY DUTCH AMBASSADOR JUNE2, THE GOVERNMENT OF ZAIRE HAS FAILED SO FAR TO REPLY. HUMANITARIAN CONSIDERATIONS ALONE WOULD SEEMS TO REQUIRE PROMPT, POSITIVE REPLY FROM GOZ."

4. DUTCH AMBASSADOR SAYS THAT IF W DON'T GET ACTION TODAY, HE MIGHT TOMORROW REQUEST MESSAGE FROM QUEEN. HINTON

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